

2011-12 Program Assessment Update

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1. Student Learning Outcome	2. Strategy or method of measurement	3. Observations gathered from data	4. Actions recommended based on observations	5. Plan and timetable for taking action	6. Overall evaluation of progress on objective
<p>Demonstrate knowledge of the customs and idioms of the language culture under study in order to be able to respond to everyday situations in appropriate ways.</p>	<p>Research papers and oral examination.</p> <p>As part of this degree, students write two research papers, in French, on topics connected with French or French speaking culture. These papers are 12 pages long minimum.</p> <p>They also take an oral examination at the end of the program of study.</p>	<p>A major component of this degree is the two summers students spend taking classes in France. Their stays in France allow them to reinforce their awareness of French and Francophone culture.</p> <p>The only instrument we have to measure their acquisition of culture is the research papers and the oral examination. We do not have a way to measure the learning that happens in the classes students take in France as these classes are not taught by EWU faculty.</p> <p>What we observe based on the papers and the oral is that their cultural competences are extremely diverse, difficult to assess. Yet, one aspect that we are successful at is providing a better understanding of the French writing culture: conventions regarding academic format, writing style, use of secondary literature, analytical concepts, idiomatic expressions used in writing, etc.</p>	<p>The goals of the program are in a large part achieved through study abroad and real life experience in France.</p> <p>With the part that we control - the research papers and oral examination --, all we can teach and assess in a systematic way is <u>writing</u> culture. In this particular domain we can probably do a better job by providing writing samples, guidelines regarding French writing conventions, analytical vocabulary, etc.</p>	<p>We will make this change fall 2013</p>	<p>These changes are just being implemented now.</p> <p>No data gathered yet.</p> <p>This SLO is still central to program mission.</p>